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*Helen Hall Library*

# BEYOND THE OAKS



**SCHOLASTIC  
TUTORING**

Volunteer to be  
a tutor at the  
Helen Hall Library

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## HISTORY OF HELEN HALL LIBRARY



**Helen Hall**

Almost 50 years ago, a group of citizens interested in starting a public library in League City established the League City Public Library, which has evolved into the present full-service facility in the city's Civic Center complex. One member of that initial group was Helen Hall, who became a charter member of the Library Board in 1971 and actively

served on that Board until her death in 1981. The League City Public Library was renamed in memory of Mrs. Hall in 1985.

### *Additions & Services*

Also in that year, a bond issue of \$2.5 million was passed to dramatically enlarge the existing 7,000 square foot building and to completely automate all library functions. The addition of the two-story adult services wing and the renovation of the original building housing children's and audio-visual services was completed in early 1988. The entire Library now encompasses over 29,000 square feet.

The automation procedures were completed in the spring of 1989, and the system features an on-line

public access catalog containing data on all the collections in the Library. In 1995 and again in 2002, the library's main computer was upgraded to a larger and faster one, allowing the library to add more features and services.

### *About the Library System*

The Helen Hall Library is the largest and busiest member of the Galveston County Library System, with almost 20,000 patrons entering the Library every month. The Library is also a member of the Houston Area Library System. Extensive interlibrary loan services are available through these system memberships as are opportunities to apply for special grants and to attend staff development seminars.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CITY LIBRARIAN

Welcome to the spring program season at Helen Hall Library! It's the beginning of a new decade and of a new era for the Library. Our Facilities Needs Assessment and three-year Strategic Plan were unveiled in the fall, and now is the time for us to act on those intentions. While we await the decision that will make our library larger, more modern, and more convenient, look for programs and services to become faster, more personalized, and more welcoming to all.



A celebration of volunteers, new Teen events such as the S'mores Camp Out and Anti-Valentine's Bash, new guest speakers for adults and monthly "Reading and Rhythms" are just a few of the programs. As we begin to implement our Strategic Plan, look for improvements in collections, technology, and responsiveness in the coming months—and be sure to ask any Helen Hall Library staff member about our exciting options for future library facilities.

Thank you for being a patron of the Helen Hall Library!

*Jenny Brewer  
City Librarian*

## LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

**Jan. 1:** New Year's Day

**Jan. 20:** Martin Luther King Day

**April 12:** Easter

**May 23 to 25:** Memorial Day

**July 3 to 5:** Independence Day

**Sept. 5 to 7:** Labor Day

**Nov. 11:** Veterans Day

**Nov. 25:** Close early at 2 p.m. for Thanksgiving

**Nov. 26 to 29:** Thanksgiving

**Dec. 24 to 27:** Christmas

**Dec. 31:** Close at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve

**Jan. 1, 2021:** New Year's Day

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# VOLUNTEER SERVICES

## Teen Volunteer Program

Whether you need service hours or just want to give back to the community, you can join our Teen Volunteer Program! Our volunteer positions provide a job-like experience through our specialized task teams: C.O.S.T. Positions are limited and selected teens are assigned a weekly schedule of service hours during their assigned semester. Applications for teen volunteers will be available at the Adult Reference Desk upstairs. Applications will be reviewed and considered, and approved volunteers will be notified via email regarding mandatory training.

**Ages:** 12+

## Adult Volunteer Program

Calling all adults! The Library is always seeking actively committed adult volunteers to help mentor and spearhead upcoming projects. Applications are available at the Adult Reference Desk upstairs. Once applications are completed, they will be reviewed and considered, and approved volunteers will be notified via email regarding mandatory training.

**Ages:** 18+

## Scholastic Tutoring

Love helping others? Passionate about your favorite subject? Want to positively impact your community and earn volunteer hours? Volunteer to be a tutor at the Helen Hall Library with our Scholastic Tutoring Program. Tutoring volunteer applications will be reviewed and considered, and approved volunteers will be notified via email regarding mandatory training.

**Ages:** 18+

## Volunteer Service Nights

Not ready to commit to a weekly schedule? No problem! Join us for Volunteer Service Nights where you can work with a volunteer team to help the Library and gain service hours. Applications will be available at the Adult Reference Desk upstairs or can be filled upon arrival at Service Night. Volunteer Service Nights are the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the Library Boardroom.

**Please note:** Individuals must turn in applications before participating.

**Dates:** Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15, May 6, and May 20

**Time:** 6 to 7 p.m.

**Ages:** 12+



## Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Join us for a week of celebrating our volunteers past, present, and future April 19 to 25. Our kick-off celebration is April 18 from 4 to 6 p.m.

**Date:** April 18

**Time:** 4 to 6 p.m.

**For all ages**

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Library staff recommends arriving 15 minutes prior to the program start time. Some events may be ticketed or require registration.

## Toddler Story Time

Join us on Mondays for songs, dancing, and a story for your little ones!

**Dates:** Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13, April 20, and April 27

**Times:** 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.  
and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**Ages:** 0 to 2

## Preschool Story Time

Come on Tuesdays to sing, dance, and enjoy an awesome story!

**Dates:** Jan. 7, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21, and April 28

**Times:** 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.  
and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**Ages:** 2 ½ to 5



## READ to the Dogs!

Do you have a child in grades 1 to 3 who needs extra reading support? R.E.A.D.® (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) and TDI® (Therapy Dogs International) are national volunteer programs that partner therapy-trained dogs with children who need to build reading skills. Enrollment and registration are required for this program.

**To register:** Call 281-554-1113 or email [joan.peeples@leaguecitytx.gov](mailto:joan.peeples@leaguecitytx.gov).



## Pajama Time

Come to the Library in your jammies and bring your favorite stuffed animal! The first and third Thursdays of the month are for LEGO® Build. The second and fourth Thursdays will feature Storytime with songs and a bedtime story.

**Dates:** Jan. 2, Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16, and April 23

**Time:** 6:30 to 7 p.m.

**Ages:** 2 ½ to 5

## Craftivity

Come to the Library for a variety of craft activities on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Supplies are limited.

**Jan. 22**

**Name Your Snowman:** A creative and great winter activity!

**Feb. 26**

**Bee Mine:** Create a fun heart-inspired craft!

**March 25**

**Rainbow Bright:** Welcome spring with a rainbow craft!

**April 22**

**April Showers:** Come to the Library to create your own umbrella craft before the rain comes pouring down!

**Time:** 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

**Ages:** 0 to 5

## LEGO® Build

Work by yourself or on a team to build something fantastic out of LEGO® bricks. The Library will supply the LEGOs®. LEGO® Build events are scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month.

**Dates:** Feb. 5, March 4, and April 1

**Time:** 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

**Ages:** 0 to 5



## Children's Special Events

Come experience unique performances created with your child in mind.

**Jan. 8**

**Julian Franklin**

**Presents:** A hilariously engaging educational program where children will explore ways to exercise their brain using some math concepts.



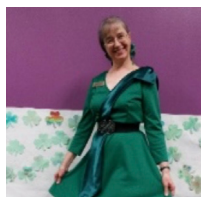
**Feb. 12**

**Arts Alive!:** Prepare for a journey of the imagination! Children will go on an incredible adventure utilizing the magic of the expressive arts.



**March 11**

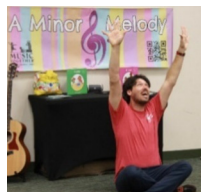
Have fun with dance and movement while our own Ms. Joan takes you on a trip to the Emerald Isle.



**April 8**

**A Musical Playdate:**

Make some musical memories with Mr. Brandon from A Minor Melody.



**Times:** 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**Ages:** 0 to 5

## Reading and Rhythms

Presented by Chara Christian Dance Academy the third Wednesday of the month.

**Dates:** Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 18, and April 15

**Times:** 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**Ages:** 0 to 5



# TWEEN PROGRAMS

Tween programs are offered for 8 to 11 year olds to interact with their peers without their parents.

## Tween Anime Club

Join us the second Monday of the month to watch and discuss some good anime shows while eating snacks!

**Please note:** Anime shows selected are rated PG and TV-PG.

**Dates:** Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9, and April 13

**Time:** 5 to 6 p.m.

**Ages:** 8 to 11

## Tween Games

Come and play games with your peers every Thursday. Practice and polish your skills while competing at original brain games. Chess is offered the first and third Thursdays of the month. Join us to learn how to play chess and have a challenging time with kids your age. The second and fourth Thursdays of the month we'll be playing board games. Tweens are welcome to bring their own games to share!

**Dates:** Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16, and April 23

**Time:** 5 to 6 p.m.

**Ages:** 8 to 11

## Tween Writers Club

Join us the first and third Wednesdays of the month to share your stories and sharpen your skills with writing prompts and group discussion.

**Dates:** Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 4, March 18, April 1, and April 15

**Time:** 5 to 6 p.m.

**Ages:** 8 to 11

## STEAM for Tweens

Held the last Wednesday of the month.

**Time:** 5 to 6 p.m.

**Ages:** 8 to 11

**Jan. 29**

**Laser Maze™ Craze:** Can you get the laser beam through the maze? Use mirrors, angles, and your brain power to conquer our mind-challenging mazes!

**Feb. 26**

**LEGO® Party:** Build with LEGO® materials, eat snacks, and watch *The LEGO® Movie 2* (Rated PG)



**March 25**

**String Painting:** Create awesome abstract art with acrylic paint! (Please note: Paint can stain clothing).

**April 29**

**Tween Build It:** Work in teams and construct 3D projects with magnetic blocks.



# TEEN PROGRAMS

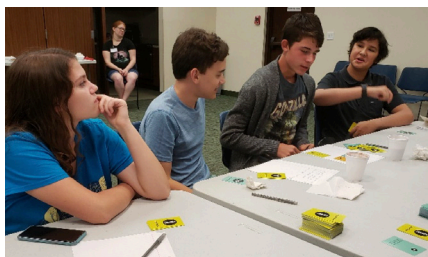
## Teen Writers Club

Do you have ideas for stories? Do you enjoy writing? Join us to write, share, and support each other through the creative writing process! Teen Writers Club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

**Dates:** Jan. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 10, April 14, and April 28

**Time:** 5 to 6 p.m.

**Ages:** 12 to 18



## Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Become an ambassador for your Library and gain leadership experience! Help plan teen activities, assist with Library events, and more. Snacks are served and participation counts as service hours. New members are always welcome! TAB meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

**Dates:** Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 4, March 18, April 1, and April 15

**Time:** 7 to 8 p.m.

**Ages:** 12 to 18



## Teen Anime Club

Come in to watch and discuss some good anime shows while eating snacks! Teen Anime Club meets the first and third Mondays of the month.

**Please note:** Anime shows selected are rated PG-13 and TV-14.

**Dates:** Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Feb. 17, March 2, March 16, April 6, and April 20

**Times:** 5 to 6:30 p.m.

**Ages:** 12 to 18

## Game On

Drop in the last Monday of the month to play Nintendo Switch™ games, Apples to Apples, Jenga and more!

**Dates:** Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 30, and April 27

**Times:** 5 to 6 p.m.

**Ages:** 12 to 18



## S'mores Camp Out

Set up camp and watch *The Ring* (Rated PG-13) while creating tasty treats at our S'more Station.

**Date:** Friday, Jan. 3

**Time:** 3 to 5 p.m.

**Ages:** 12 to 18



## Anti-Valentine's Bash

Love stinks! Protest Valentine's Day by creating anti-Valentines and treat yourself with snacks while watching *Happy Death Day* (Rated PG-13).

**Please note:** Teens must have transportation arranged in advance of program.

**Date:** Friday, Feb. 14

**Time:** 5 to 6:30 p.m.

**Ages:** 12 to 18



## Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate Tournament

3. 2. 1. GO! Put your game face on and play Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate against others!

**Please note:** Space is limited.

**To register:** <https://helenhall.libcal.com/event/5925555>

**Date:** Friday, March 13

**Time:** 3 to 5:30 p.m.

**Ages:** 12 to 18



## Teen Late Night: Humans vs. Zombies

Humans are invited after hours to escape zombies in a themed game of tag!

**Please note:** Teens must be inside the Library a few minutes before 6 p.m. as program admittance will be closed when the Library is officially closed. Teens must have transportation arranged in advance of program.

**Date:** Friday, April 3

**Time:** 6 to 7 p.m.

**Ages:** 12 to 18



## Teen Book Box

Do you love visiting the Library but don't always have time to browse for a good book? Then sign up for a Teen Book Box! All you need is a Library card and to fill out a registration form online. Then you can start picking up monthly boxes filled with treats and a book that is selected just for you!

**Please note:** Participants will be notified via email when their Teen Book Box is ready. Participants will have one week from the day they are notified to pick up their Teen Book Box. Teen Book Boxes will be located below the New Book Collection in the Teen Room on the second floor.

**Dates:** January to April

**Ages:** 12 to 18

**To register:**

<https://helenhall.libwizard.com/f/TeenBookBoxRegistration>



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Thursday Talks

Join us the last Thursday of the month to hear from different professionals, volunteers and residents of the surrounding communities on a variety of informative and interesting topics.

**Jan. 23:** Dr. Robert Krout with The Galveston Ukulele Society

**Feb. 27:** Marvin Everline with the Black Cowboy Museum and Hall of Fame Inductee Harold Cash

**March 26:** Coastal Biologist Taylor Bennett with the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory

**April 23:** Hollywood Confidential with London Lawrence

**Time:** 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.



## Every Stitch Way

Those who enjoy knitting, crocheting, and needlework are welcome to come to the Library and join this group which meets every other Wednesday. Participants are encouraged to bring a current project and share ideas, patterns, and help each other as needed. What a great way to meet new friends! This group is open to all skill levels.

**Dates:** Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15, April 29, May 13, and May 27

**Time:** 1 to 3 p.m.

## English Conversation Practice

Adults of all levels who would like to practice their English conversation skills are welcome to join us at the Library each Monday night and Wednesday morning.

**Times:** Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.



## League City Book Club

New members are always welcome. Reading the book is not required for attendance.

**Jan. 27**  
*The Celestine Prophecy*  
by James Redfield



**Feb. 17**  
*Pride & Prejudice*  
by Jane Austen



**March 16**  
*Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill*  
by Candice Millard



**April 20**  
*Foundation*  
by Isaac Asimov



**May 18**  
*The Little Paris Bookshop*  
by Nina George



**Time:** 7 to 8 p.m.

## Happy Hour Book Club

Meet off-site for a variety of nonfiction and fiction titles chosen to spark great conversation over dinner and drinks. This event is held at Craft 96 Draught House and Kitchen on the first Thursday of the month.

**Please note:** Dinner and drinks are optional and not included. The Jan. book club will be held on the second Thursday.

Jan. 9

*Circe*

by Madeline Miller



Feb. 6

*Educated: A Memoir*

by Tara Westover



March 5

*After the Flood*

by Cassandra Montag



April 2

*Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, From Missiles to the Moon to Mars*

by Nathalia Holt



May 7

*The Nightingale*

by Kristin Hannah



**Time:** 5 to 7 p.m.



## The Great Book Club

The Great Book Club is run by a volunteer and focuses on classic authors and literary works that have won major prizes! Read books with cultural significance and be introduced to famous works you may have heard of and never read. This book club is held on the third Tuesday of the month.

**Please note:** It is not necessary to start or finish the book to attend.

Jan. 21

*Fahrenheit 451*

by Ray Bradbury



Feb. 18

*Emma*

by Jane Austen



March 17

*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*

by James Joyce



April 21

*Sophie's Choice*

by William Styron



**Time:** 7 to 8 p.m.

## Medicare Explained with Shari Ferguson

The decision to utilize Medicare needs to be an informed one. Come have your questions about Medicare answered and discussed and have the available options presented. Medicare health and prescription drug coverage can be reviewed annually, so this is a wonderful opportunity to help clarify what the different choices are.

**Dates:** Jan. 14, March 10, and May 12

**Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Local Authors Hour

Local Authors Hour is an opportunity for authors from the area to share information about their novels and books. Local Authors Hour meets the second Thursday of the month.

**Jan. 9**

KTRK Anchor Tom Abrahams



**Feb. 13**

Julianna Hughes



**March 12**

JoAnn Petrie Carr



**April 9**

Tim Frankovich



**Time:** 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

## One-on-One Technology Appointments

Bring your computer and technology questions and have a one-on-one session. Skills are limited to Basic Computer, Basic Internet, Basic Email, Basic Word, Basic Excel, and Basic PowerPoint. To schedule an appointment, please call 281-554-1104 or email [amelia.chau@leaguecitytx.gov](mailto:amelia.chau@leaguecitytx.gov).

## Microsoft Office Series

Scheduled on selected Monday evenings and held upstairs in the computer lab.

**Jan. 27:** Introduction/Intermediate Word

**Feb. 17:** Introduction/Intermediate Excel

**March 16:** Introduction/Intermediate PowerPoint

**April 20:** Resume Workshop: Creating a Resume

**Time:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## Adult Computer Classes

Scheduled Wednesday mornings and held upstairs in the computer lab.

**Jan. 8:** Computer Basics I: Learning the Parts of a Computer

**Jan. 15:** Computer Basics II: Working with Windows 10

**Jan. 22:** Computer Basics III: File Management

**Jan. 29:** Basic Mouse Skills/Basic Keyboarding and Typing Skills

**Feb. 5:** Basic Internet Skills

**Feb. 12:** Basic Online Safety and Privacy

**Feb. 19:** Basic Email Skills: Getting Started (Email Required)

**Feb. 26:** Library Databases 101

**March 4:** Google Basics 101

**March 11:** Facebook 101

**March 18:** Tablet Basics 101

**March 25:** Introduction to Word

**April 1:** Intermediate Word

**April 8:** Introduction to Excel

**April 15:** Intermediate Excel

**April 22:** Introduction to PowerPoint

**April 29:** Introduction to Publisher

**Time:** 10 a.m. to noon

## Writers Club

Come share your writing with us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Writing prompts will be available and attendees are able to share what they have written or hope to write in an open and welcome setting.

**Dates:** Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 13, and May 27

**Time:** 6 to 7 p.m.

## Writers' Works in Progress Night

Participants will share long-term writing projects with their peers, either for feedback, motivation, or accountability purposes. Work may be shared electronically through email or writers may bring printed copies to the meetings, which are held the third Thursday of the month.

**Dates:** Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19, April 16, and May 21

**Time:** 7 to 8:30 p.m.

## The Brown Bag Market Update

Summer Rose of Edward Jones will lead the discussion on the current market updates and the economy. Please join her on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month for an informal, interactive discussion on the current financial markets. Bring your lunch and we will supply the drinks.

**Dates:** Jan. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 10, March 24, April 14, and April 28

**Time:** 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.



## Antiques Roundtable

Every month a different topic will be discussed on antiques, collectibles and vintage items. The Antiques Roundtable meets the first Monday of the month.

**Dates:** Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2, April 6, and May 4

**Time:** 1 to 3 p.m.

## The History Club

The History Club hosts one speaker per month to discuss local history, Texas history, or American history topics that cover a wide range of interests.

**Dates:** Jan. 30, Feb. 27, and March 26

**Time:** 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

## Book Folding Art

Come learn how to recycle an old book into something beautiful. We will be making a heart just in time for Valentine's Day. All materials will be supplied.

**Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 4

**Time:** 6:30 to 8 p.m.

## Community in Focus Art Exhibits

This monthly exhibit showcases local artists and photographers and their work. The talented artists and photographers in our community have their creations displayed on display panels on the first floor and the second floor of our Library.



# PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

## Behind the Scenes

Do you ever wonder what happens in your Library that you DON'T see? This is your chance to find out! Take a tour of Helen Hall Library behind the scenes and discover what takes place to make each section work. Don't miss out on this opportunity! This program is for adults and families.

**Please note:** Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Dates:** Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19, and April 16

**Time:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**For all ages**



## Inclusive Library Programming

A special evening of fun for those with disabilities and special needs in collaboration with their parents, caregivers, and families here at the Library! Enjoy fun activities, grab a snack, hang out with friends or make new ones, and more. Events are held on the third Friday of the month.

**Please note:** One-on-one assistance is not provided. If an attendee needs assistance, please make the proper provisions.

**Dates:** Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 20, and April 17

**Time:** 5 to 6 p.m.

**For all ages**

## Scholastic Tutoring

Free walk-in tutoring program.  
No appointment necessary. Support in reading, math, history, and science! Give your child the advantage. Help them achieve academic excellence with our tutoring program. Scholastic Tutoring is held the second Tuesday of the month.

**Dates:** Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, and May 12

**Time:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Ages:** 6 to 18

## Saturday Special

We will serve popcorn and watch family-friendly movies together on the fourth Saturday of the month. Wear something comfy and bring your favorite comfort item to sit with. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

**Jan. 25**

*Frozen* (Rated PG)

**Feb. 22**

*Robot Breaks the Internet* (Rated PG)

**March 28**

*Mary Poppins Returns* (Rated PG)

**April 25**

*Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse* (Rated PG)

**Time:** 3 to 5 p.m.

## DID YOU KNOW?

TumbleBook Library offers read-along stories, language learning, puzzles, and games that help teach kids the joy of reading in a digital format! Get started with TumbleBooks today and explore our other digital resources at [www.leaguecitylibrary.org](http://www.leaguecitylibrary.org).